

## OPINION 1776

### *Rana megapoda* Taylor, 1942 (Amphibia, Anura): specific name conserved

#### Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *trilobata* Mocquard, 1899, as published in the binomen *Rana trilobata*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *megapoda* Taylor, 1942, as published in the binomen *Rana megapoda*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *trilobata* Mocquard, 1899, as published in the binomen *Rana trilobata* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

#### History of Case 2821

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Rana megapoda* Taylor, 1942 was received from Dr Robert G. Webb (*University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, Texas, U.S.A.*) on 8 May 1991. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 49: 211–212 (September 1992). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

A comment in support from Prof Hobart M. Smith (*University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, U.S.A.*) was published in BZN 50: 57–58 (March 1993).

#### Decision of the Commission

On 1 September 1993 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 49: 211–212. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1994 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 22: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Hahn, Heppell, Holthuis, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 3: Bouchet, Kabata and Thompson.

No votes were received from Halvorsen and Lehtinen.

Dupuis and Ride were on leave of absence.

Kabata commented that in his view the author of the application had not demonstrated that serious disturbance of nomenclatural stability would arise by restoring to use the senior synonym *Rana trilobata*. Savage reported that the holotype of *R. megapoda* is specimen no. 100025 in the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, U.S.A.

#### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*megapoda*, *Rana*, Taylor, 1942, *University of Kansas Science Bulletin*, 28(2): 310.

*trilobata*, *Rana*, Mocquard, 1899, *Bulletin de la Société Philomatique de Paris*, (9)1(4): 158.